The FHWA Travel Model Improvement Program Workshop over the Web – Travel Model Estimation

This session reviews the entire webinar series on Travel Modeling. There also is a special presentation on model development from Mr. Kermit Wies of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

Questions and Answers during Session 9

Q: As we start gearing up for VMT reporting, have different indicators been researched that may allow better representation of greenhouse reduction than straight VMT? Example: Spokane County/Kootnei County have large rural areas but centralized barbell like city centers in WA and next door in ID.

A: Thanks for the question. Some software packages like MOBILE use travel model outputs such as VMT, counts etc. to estimate mobile source emissions. It might be helpful to refer to the MOBILE user manual to get a better sense of which metrics relate to emissions reductions.

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